

New Castle Presbyterian News

April 2013



Please Join Us for a Free Seminar on

Climate Change: How We Can Help

**A Practical Approach for Everyday Living
Why We Have a Responsibility
What We Can Do
Actual Experiences**

Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm

in

Christian Education Building

Light Refreshments Served

**Presentation and discussion led by
Bruce Gillette, Co-Pastor Limestone Presbyterian Church
(the first faith-community in Delaware to go solar).
Bruce is Vice President of DE Interfaith Power & Light,
President of the Interfaith Resource Center and
A Board Member of Delaware Pacem in Terris.**



Archaeology Project

New Castle Presbyterian Church has affiliated with Professor Lu Ann De Cunzo of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Delaware and University students who are conducting a program of preliminary archaeological testing on the church property. Nikki Laws, teaching assistant, will serve as liaison to the New Castle Presbyterian Church History Committee. The cost to our church will be for consumable excavation supplies and will be taken from the History Committee budget (\$100).

The survey will consist of approximately 3 2'x5' test units excavated as designated spaces near the Meeting House foundation and in the northwest corner of the property. Excavation units will be covered by plywood when the team is not on site. After evaluation, the holes will be filled in and/or the brick replaced. The focus of the excavations will be the Meeting House to increase our knowledge of that building. It will also include the north-west corner of the church property with some effort made to better define the church property's relationship to Second (Market) Street, and to better assess the potential for survival of any burials outside the footprint of the 1854 church building. Miss Utility has marked the location of underground public utilities on the western portion of the church property. No excavations will be undertaken in these area. Dr. De Cunzo has reviewed the church sewer map and avoid these areas as well.

Artifacts will be processed and catalogued to the professional archaeological standards and a final report prepared, including a map. All artifacts uncovered will remain the property of New Castle Presbyterian Church. They will be returned to the church prepared for curation, upon completion of analysis and reporting along with original field records, a set of digital images of fieldwork, and copies of laboratory documentation. The Session and Trustees of New Castle Presbyterian Church will curate the entire collection.

Plan to attend a presentation on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm, when the work of the team will be reported to our church and community. Many thanks to the University of Delaware for expanding our knowledge of our church buildings and campus!

"God loves a cheerful giver."

- II Cor. 9:7

(A Reflection by Martin B. Copenhaver)

"God loves a cheerful giver," says the Apostle Paul. But is there any other kind? In my experience givers *are* cheerful. I have never known any truly giving person who has not been a person of cheer. Joy is one of the indelible characteristics of the giving person.

I am not referring to the kind of reluctant, sharp-penciled, let-me-figure-out-what-my-share-is kind of giver. Rather, I am thinking of the open-handed, open-hearted givers. They not only spread cheer and share joy, they obviously know cheer and experience joy.

We might wonder which comes first: Do these people know cheer and joy because they are givers, or are they givers because they are people of cheer and joy? The question seems strangely moot, however, for in the lives of such people the two are inextricably intertwined. Joy and giving flow from one another in a sure and blessed way. Think of it as the endless echo of grace.

Among the reasons why givers are cheerful is that, in giving to others, we are acting in accordance with God's intentions for our lives. After all, we are created to be givers, meant to be givers. So when we close in on ourselves in self-concern, we are departing from what God intends for us, and there is no joy in that.

So Paul enjoins us to give, to borrow the words of Jesus, "so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."



Remember our Bears!

The basket is full of Bears, who sit with us each Sunday, hear the sermon, and carry the message that New Castle Presbyterian Church is thinking of those friends and family whom we know are under the weather, need a special hug or a reminder that they are remembered. Please sign the book and take a bear to a friend or family member. This is our way of giving hugs of encouragement.

- Linda Twyford



BATTERY PARK and BEACH CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 20th – 9:00 to Noon

Hurricane Sandy damaged Battery Park's walkway and pier and left massive amounts of debris throughout the park. Much of it has been cleaned up, but much still remains. Please join friends and neighbors in cleaning up Battery Park and its beach.

Light snacks and drinks will be available.

Coupons for a 10% discount at local restaurants for lunch on day of clean-up will be given to volunteers.

Trash bags and gloves will be provided, but please bring your own work gloves and rake, if possible.

On the morning of the clean-up, sign in at the registration table located by the New Castle Sailing Club sailhouse at the end of West 3rd Street. Parking is available in the lot at corner of West 3rd Street and South Street, in the lot at the end of West 3rd Street at the south end of the park, and in the former Brosius Eliason parking lot. Volunteer certificates will be available.

Questions? Contact Sally 302-547-0176 or Irene 302-328-1709

Rain Date: April 27th · If weather is questionable on April 20th, call 302-547-0176

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April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kristel Witt, 4/1
Fran Gingher, 4/2
Jo Viola, 4/3
Barbara Ransom, 4/5
Laurie Powell, 4/9
Sidney Wilson, 4/9
Molly Cooney, 4/13
Lisa Raker, 4/13
Joanne Hopkins, 4/16
Bill Anthony, 4/27
Scott Selheimer, 4/30
Julia Lundgren, 4/30

Jenna & Sam Duncan, 4/4
Pat & David Bird, 4/12
Rod & Bev Denison, 4/16
Vic & Elsie Clark, 4/17



Save the Date for the Next New Castle Seminar!

Plan to join us for brunch and a discussion of the Death Penalty to be held on Sunday, April 21, beginning at 11:30 am. The conversation will be led by the Delaware Center for Justice, Inc., and in response to the action of New Castle Presbytery on September 18, 2012 supporting the abolishment of the death penalty and encouraging its congregations to study this issue.

The Delaware Center for Justice is a non-profit United Way agency "dedicated to creating a safer, more secure Delaware by seeking to achieve and preserve a high quality of justice." They fulfill their mission through an extensive range of programs and services, public education, research, and advocacy, including: conditions of confinement, alternatives to incarceration, reentry initiatives for incarcerated populations, more cost-effective and efficient use of limited corrections resources, legislative reform as it pertains to creating a higher quality of justice Meeting the needs of victims of crime, and crime prevention programs. Ruling Elder Andrew Lundgren is on this organization's board of directors.

The History Committee is sponsoring this event. Sign up in the church fellowship hall.



Meals on Wheels

HELP! We need Meals on Wheels delivery people for 2013. Call Susan Flook at 328-7346 if you are interested. Substitutes needed, too. No weekend deliveries. Thanks. Consider this as your call in Christ!

Our next delivery will be April 8-12. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact the office at 302-328-3279.

Monday 8

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 9

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 10

Carol & Gene
Mayhew

Thursday 11

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Friday 12

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



Monthly Report

Look here each month for a statistical report on the life of the congregation:

Membership:

February	176
March.....	176

Income thru 3/03/13:

2013 Budget:	\$65,821.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$62,508.00

Expenses thru 3/03/13:

2013 Budget:	\$50,703.00
2013 Actual:.....	\$55,368.00

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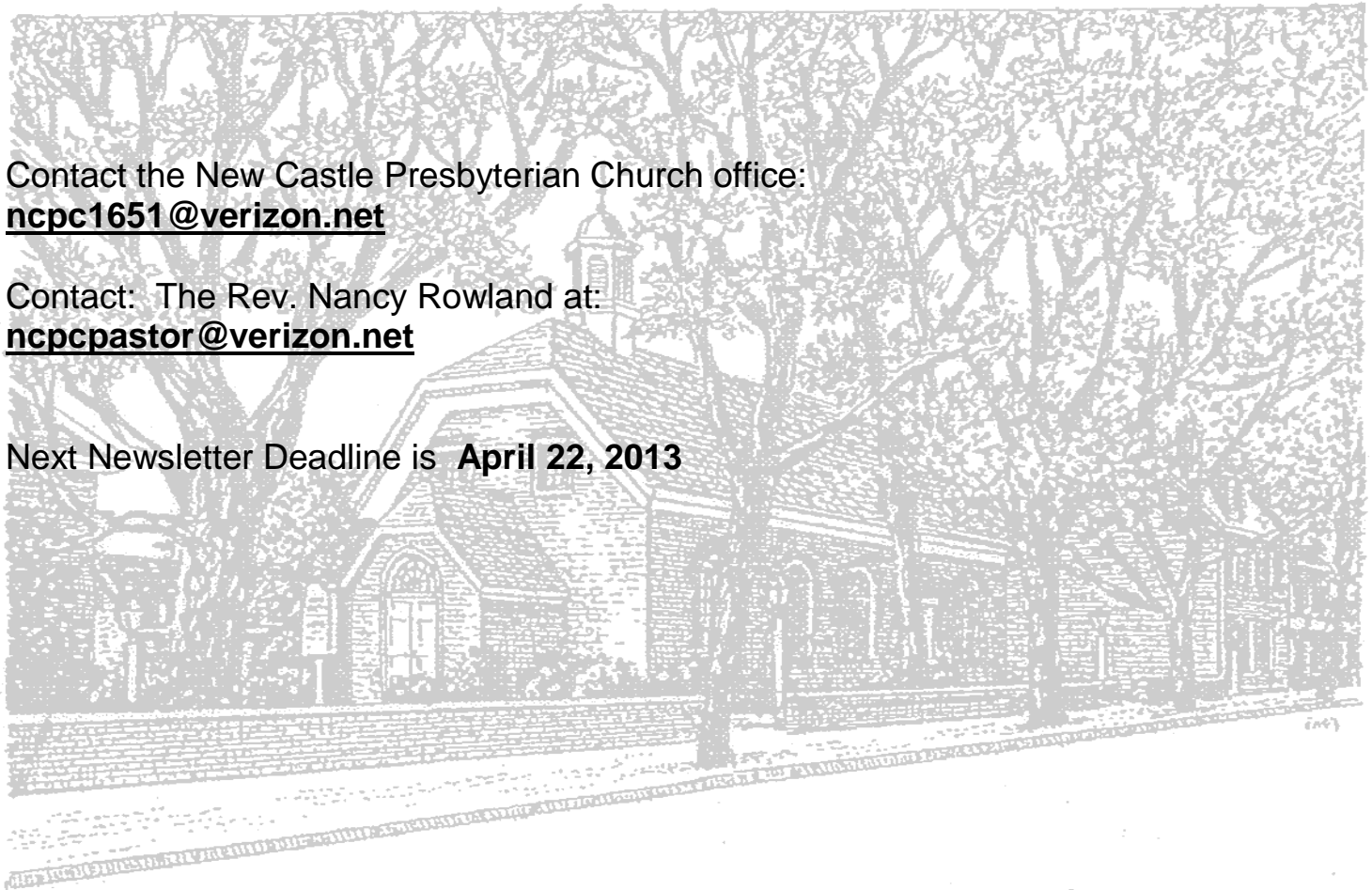


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Contact: The Rev. Nancy Rowland at:
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **April 22, 2013**



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